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1. Leipzig: New troops in Leinizig are believed to belong to an armored corps. Some [REDACTED] and, in the [REDACTED]

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2. Weimar: Occupied by two armored rifle regiments and one artillery detachment. Some twelve to fifteen armored reconnaissance cars have been observed.

3. Rudolstadt (J54): Houses one motorized rifle regiment, one artillery detachment, and one reconnaissance detachment with six armored cars.

4. Saalfeld (J53): Occupied by one motorized rifle regiment.

5. Weissenfels (J99): Barracks are occupied by one armored regiment, equipped with sixty-five T-34's and twelve JS-3's. Vehicles are marked with a four-leaf clover.

6. Naumburg (J89): Still occupied by two rifle regiments and one engineering battalion (with motorized bridge "train") of 57th Guards Rifle Division. Increased instruction in the use of vehicles is being given these men; motorization of the division is being contemplated. Approximately 400 men from motorized units of another division are billeted in the Barbara Barracks.

7. Jena (J66): All Jena barracks have been entirely occupied since 20 October. The troops, who arrived by night trains, include many youngsters who appear to be new to Germany, and are allocated as follows:

Jena-Zwätzen Barracks: one armored detachment from Zeitz; staff of an armored school.

Jena-Zwätzen Agricultural School: one motorized light artillery unit, with eighteen 75 mm guns with split-trail carriages and four 50 mm AT guns.

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Jena-Löbstedt Barracks: one assault artillery unit and another artillery unit with guns of assorted calibers. [REDACTED] the following: seven 75 mm guns with split-trail carriages, five

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122 mm guns, and six tanks with long barreled guns.

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8. Döblau (D83): New armored troops have arrived in Döblau. Eight very heavy tanks were observed in the Döblauer Heide woods; [REDACTED]

tanks of a type larger than the JS.

9. Wietleben (D82): Fifteen to twenty JS and T-34 tanks, seen on the airfield on 18 October, apparently belonged to an armored training school.

10. [REDACTED] rovements:

24 October (day): One freight train with troops and light and heavy guns, moved through Halle, direction Naumburg-Saalfeld.

24 October (night): Two troop trains, each with approximately one battalion, proceeded in the direction of Weissenfels.

26 October (night): One freight train with approximately twenty prime movers and tractors moved in the direction of Weissenfels.

11. Parchim (T74): On 3 October, when it was visited by Marshal Sokolovsky and sixteen Soviet generals, Parchim was occupied by some 15,000 "elite" troops, equipped with light tanks (no heavy tanks in evidence), armored reconnaissance cars, light and heavy artillery. Other units were in the woods around Siggeltor, Slate, and Gross Guden. All Parchim street signs have been removed and replaced by others in Russian. It is rumored that a headquarters is to be established in the town.

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